

A BULLETIN ON SHADE TREES, a publication in which the Massachusetts Forestry Association and the Agricultural Experiment Station have co-operated, has been recently issued and will meet a long felt want. Every one loves trees and much time and money are spent in planting and caring for them. The results are not infrequently disappointing on account of injudicious selection, wrong methods in setting, or improper or insufficient care. This bulletin gives the substance of the laws pertaining to shade trees and tree wardens, and discusses the duties of the latter. The selection of varieties suited to different localities is considered. Statistics showing the rate of growth of different trees, together with directions for setting, transplanting, and pruning, are given. Methods of preventing or repairing damages to trees receive attention, and such topics as chaining and bolting, treating decayed cavities, filling, etc., are fully discussed. Injuries to trees due to leaky gas mains, contact with electric wires, and other electrical injuries are considered and the best methods of prevention described. The concluding section of the bulletin gives descriptions of the more serious insect enemies and explicit directions for destroying them or preventing their injuries. This bulletin will be sent to members of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, to tree wardens in all parts of the state, and to public librarians. Other persons desiring copies should write to the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station, Amherst, Mass.

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NEW ENGLAND BOTANICAL CLUB, ANNUAL MEETING.—At the annual meeting of the New England Botanical Club held at 3 Joy Street, Boston, on the evening of December 4th, 1908, the Phaenogamic Curator reported the gift to the Club by Miss Kate Furbish of Brunswick, Maine, of her extensive herbarium of Maine plants. The forming of this collection has been one of Miss Furbish's chief interests for the past forty years. It is, therefore, especially valuable as the pioneer collection of flowering plants and ferns from many sections of Maine which have not been visited by other botanists. Altogether the floras of more than two hundred towns and villages are represented; and when the material has been worked over it is expected that fully 10,000 specimens will be added to the organized collections of the Club, and that many of the species will be additions to the recorded flora of Maine.